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FOR THE SECRETARY FROM THE CHARGE

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP, CS, (MRS. CARTER)

SUBJECT: POSSIBLE TRIP OF MRS. CARTER TO LATIN AMERICA AND THE
CARIBBEAN

REF: STATE 91970

1. I TALKED TO FOREIGN MINISTER FACIO MORNING OF APRIL 24
(HE HAD RETURNED FROM SPAIN NIGHT OF 23RD) RE POSSIBLE VISIT OF
MRS. CARTER. FACIO WAS HIGHLY PLEASED THAT COSTA RICA WAS
INCLUDED IN ITINERARY FOR MRS. CARTER, AND WAS VIRTUALLY
CERTAIN THAT DATES OF MAY 30-31 WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE. HOWEVER,
SINCE HE HAD BEEN OUT OF COSTA RICA FOR SEVERAL WEEKS, HE ASKED
THAT I DELAY REPLY UNTIL HE HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO CONFIRM WITH
PRESIDENT ODUBER.

2. FACIO TELEPHONED EVENING OF APRIL 24 TO REPORT THAT PRESIDENT
ODUBER WAS ENTHUSED OVER POSSIBILITY OF VISIT BY MRS. CARTER
AND WOULD CERTAINLY WANT TO RECEIVE HER AS PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE
OF PRESIDENT CARTER. FACIO SAID THAT ODUBER THOUGHT DATES OF
MAY 30-31 WERE ESPECIALLY CONVENIENT BECAUSE THEY WERE FAR
ENOUGH IN ADVANCE OF JUNE 6-9 STATE VISIT OF FRG PRESIDENT WALTER
SCHEEL TO AVOID CREATION OF AN AWKWARD SITUATION. HE EVPAASIZED,
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HOWEVER, THAT ODUBER AND GOCR WOULD BE HIGHLY PLEASED TO HAVE MRS.
CARTER VISIT AT ANY TIME.

3. FACIO WAS PLEASED TO LEARN THAT MRS. CARTER WOULD BE PREPARED
TO DISCUSS SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES IN THE BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP AS
WELL AS U.S.- LATIN AMERICAN RELATIONS GENERALLY. HE SAID THAT
BOTH HE AND PRESIDENT ODUBER WOULD WELCOME OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS

SUBSTANTIVE MATTERS WITH MRS. CARTER.

4. I DID NOT DISCUSS OTHER PROGRAM ACTIVITIES WITH FACIO. HOWEVER, IN ADDITION TO PROTOCOLARY CALLS AND SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSIONS, AND TIME PERMITTING, I WOULD SUGGEST THAT MRS. CARTER'S SCHEDULE HERE INCLUDE:

A. VISIT NATIONAL THEATER TO VIEW BRIEF PERFORMANCES OF NATIONAL YOUTH SYMPHONY AND FOLK DANCE GROUP.

B. VISIT COSTA RICAN PUBLIC SCHOOL. THIS MIGHT BE EITHER A SPECIAL EDUCATION FACILITY, A LOCAL PRIMARY SCHOOL, OR COLEGIO NACION DE SENORITAS WHICH IS COSTA RICA'S MOST PROMINENT GIRL'S SECONDARY SCHOOL. VISIT WOULD INCLUDE BRIEF REMARKS AND PRESENTATION OF BOOKS OR OTHER APPROPRIATE GIFT.

C. VIEW LOCAL HANDICRAFTS AT ARTISAN'S ASSOCIATION RETAIL OUTLET.

D. VISIT BI-NATIONAL CENTER AND MAKE BRIEF REMARKS TO ASSEMBLED U.S. MISSION EMPLOYEES.

E. DINNER WITH GOCR LEADERS AND WIVES AND OTHER SELECTED GUESTS.
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